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### **Legislation to Specialize the Supreme Court Passes House Civil Justice Subcommittee**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – A proposed committee bill (PCB) that would generate specialized jurisdiction within the Supreme Court by creating a Supreme Court of Civil Appeals and a Supreme Court of Criminal Appeals today passed the House Civil Justice Subcommittee.

“By adopting a specialized court system we will improve the administration of justice in death penalty appeals cases, as well as streamline the system to efficiently resolve the civil appeals cases,” said Representative Eric Eisnagle (R-Orlando), chair of the House Civil Justice Subcommittee and sponsor of this bill.

“Criminal cases are complex in nature and by having courts with specific expertise we will ensure that the victims and the accused have cases resolved not only efficiently, but also correctly,” said Representative Eisnagle. “When the judicial branch has the authority to take away not only a person’s liberty, but also a person’s life, it is our responsibility to ensure that justice is administered fairly.”

“While this legislation guarantees the fair and expeditious administration of justice for victims and the accused, this bill also serves to address the longstanding criticism that the courts are underfunded and judicial dockets are overcrowded,” said Representative William Snyder (R-Stuart), chair of the House Judiciary Committee. “By capitalizing on the expertise of judges serving on specialized courts this proposal would significantly aid in justices being able to hear appeals cases in their respective jurisdiction in a timely manner.”

“I look forward to hearing this bill in the Judiciary Committee and I encourage my colleagues to support it,” said Representative Snyder.

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